

# **King County**

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

# Meeting Agenda Employment and Administration Committee

Councilmembers: Dave Upthegrove, Chair; Girmay Zahilay, Vice-Chair; Teresa Mosqueda, Pete von Reichbauer

Staff: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff (206-477-6023) Melani Hay: Committee Clerk (206-477-1025)

2:00 PM

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

**Hybrid Meeting** 

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- 1. Call to Order
- Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2024 pg 4



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## Consent agenda items 4-6

4. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0169 **pg 10** 

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Hanna Floss to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative from the King County Democratic Party.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

5. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0170 **Pg 12** 

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Stanley Tsao to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative of the Chinese-speaking community.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

6. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0171 pg 14

A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mathew Patrick Thomas to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the representative from the King County Republican Party.

**Sponsors:** von Reichbauer

#### Discussion and Possible Action

7. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0148 pg 16

A MOTION confirming the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_\_ to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a representative from the disability community.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove



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## **Briefings**

## 8. Human Resources Update

Deandra Stanley, Human Resources Manager

## 9. Chief of Staff Update

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff

## **Discussion and Possible Action**

10. 2024-01 Disposition of a Personnel Matter

## Other Business

## **Adjournment**



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## 1. Call to Order

Chair Upthegrove called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Mosqueda, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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## 3. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2024

Vice Chair Zahilay moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024, meeting as presented. Seeing no objection, the Chair so ordered.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action**

#### 4. Proposed Motion No. 2024-0095

A MOTION relating to the organization of the council; and amending Motion 15998, Section I, as amended, and OR 3-120.

**Sponsors:** Upthegrove

Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, briefed Amendment 1.

Kendall Moore, Assistant Chief Legal Counsel, answered questions of the Committee.

Vice Chair Zahilay moved Amendment 1. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Zahilay that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Mosqueda, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

## **Briefings**

#### 5. Human Resources Update

Deandra Stanley, Human Resources Manager, briefed the Committee on current recruitments.

#### 6. Chief of Staff Update

Stephanie Cirkovich briefed the Committee on an upcoming virtual presentation entitled the Science of Hope.

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## **Other Business**

# Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Approved this	day of	
		Clerk's Signature

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## **Metropolitan King County Council Employment and Administration Committee**

## STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:		Name:	Sherrie Hsu
Proposed No.:	2024-0148 2024-0169 2024-0170 2024-0171	Date:	June 4, 2024

## SUBJECT

The proposed motions would confirm the following appointments and reappointments to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC):

- Appointment of a candidate as a representative from the disability community, to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.
- Reappointment of Hanna Floss, as the representative of the King County Democratic Party, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027.
- Reappointment of Stanley Tsao, as a representative of the Chinese-speaking community, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027.
- Reappointment of Mathew Patrick Thomas, as the representative of the King County Republican Party, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027.

## **BACKGROUND**

The current Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) was established by the King County Council in May 2006, under Ordinance 15453. Duties and membership for the CEOC are outlined in King County Code chapter 2.53.

In September 2018, <sup>2</sup> the Council took action to update the membership of the CEOC. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections."

Under King County Code chapter 2.53, sixteen members represent named types of organizations or sectors of the community, including two at-large King County registered voters, and one ex-officio, nonvoting member representing the Secretary of State's

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Previously, Council had created a CEOC in July 2003 (Ordinance 14711) and a CEOC in April 2005 (Ordinance 15157); each met for one year and produced a report with recommendations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Ordinance 18795

office. Under the Code, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

Table 1: CEOC Membership as of May 2024

Member	Organization/Constituency
Eliseo Juárez Chair	Spanish-speaking community
Jude Ahmed Vice Chair, Voter Participation	Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
Mathew Patrick Thomas Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	King County Republican Party
Hillary De La Cruz	Registered voters
Mike Flood	Municipal League Foundation
Hanna Floss	King County Democratic Party
Tyson Hartman	Representative who has experience in technology
Christopher Hays	Registered voters
Stuart Holmes	Office of Secretary of State
Julie Kang	Korean-speaking community
Jason Lambacher	Academic institution with knowledge of elections
Kathy Sakahara	League of Women Voters
Stanley Tsao	Chinese-speaking community
Matthew Vinci	Jurisdictional representative
Vacant	Vietnamese-speaking community
Vacant	Disability community

## **APPOINTMENT APPLICANT INFORMATION**

## Appointment.

**Proposed Motion 2024-0148** would appoint a candidate to the CEOC as a representative from the disability community, to fill an unexpired term ending July 31, 2025, and to a new three-year term ending July 31, 2028.

The position has been vacant since October 2023. The Council provided notice of the vacancy and accepted applications to fill the position from January 2024 through March 2024. Two applications were received. The Employment and Administration Committee intends to interview the two candidates at the June 4, 2024 meeting.

- Kevin Higgins
- Carolyn Stevens

## Reappointments.

**Proposed Motion 2024-0169** would reappoint Hanna Floss to the CEOC as the representative of the King County Democratic Party, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027. The King County Democratic Party has provided a letter designating Ms. Floss as its representative. Ms. Floss has been an election observer coordinator for the King County Democrats since 2017 and has attended trainings provided by King County Elections and attended redistricting commission meetings as a member of the public.

**Proposed Motion 2024-0170** would reappoint Stanley Tsao to the CEOC as a representative of the Chinese-speaking community, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027. Mr. Tsao has worked with King County Elections on voter engagement projects, worked with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods on consulting and community engagement projects, and served on the board of APACEvotes and Equal Rights Washington.

**Proposed Motion 2024-0171** would reappoint Mathew Patrick Thomas to the CEOC as the representative of the King County Republican Party, for a three-year term ending July 31, 2027. The King County Republican Party has provided a letter designating Mr. Thomas as its representative. Mr. Thomas has served on the Washington State Elections Administration and Certification Board since 2017 and is the Chairman of the King County Republican Party.

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

**Proposed Motion 2024-0148.** An oral amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 16 and line 21 of the proposed motion.

An oral title amendment would be required to insert the name of the appointee on line 1 of the proposed motion.

## <u>ANALYSIS</u>

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed appointments. They appear to be consistent with the requirements of the County Code.

## <u>INVITED</u>

- Kevin Higgins, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC
- Carolyn Stevens, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC

## <u>ATTACHMENTS</u>

- 1. Proposed Motion 2024-0148
- 2. Proposed Motion 2024-0169
- 3. Proposed Motion 2024-0170
- 4. Proposed Motion 2024-0171



**Proposed No.** 2024-0169.1

# **Signature Report**

## Motion

**Sponsors** Upthegrove

1	A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Hanna Floss
2	to the citizens' elections oversight committee as the
3	representative from the King County Democratic Party.
4	WHEREAS, the King County Democratic Party has identified Hanna Floss to
5	represent the organization on the citizens' election oversight committee, and
6	WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair
7	elections, and
8	WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee help to ensure that
9	accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent
10	manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and
11	WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and
12	administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight
13	committee, and
14	WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, appointments to the citizens'
15	elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,
16	and
17	WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the
18	employment and administration committee reappointed Hanna Floss to the citizens'
19	elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2027;
20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

21	The reappointment of Hanna Floss to the citizens' elections oversight committee		
22	as the representative from the King County Democratic Party, for a three-year term to		
23	expire on July 31, 2027, is confirmed.		
23	expire on July 51, 2027, is commined.		
		KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
		,	
	ATTEST:	Dave Upthegrove, Chair	
	Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council		
	Attachments: None		



# **Signature Report**

	Proposed No. 2024-0170.1 Sponsors Upthegrove
1	A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Stanley Tsao
2	to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a
3	representative of the Chinese-speaking community.
4	WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair
5	elections, and
6	WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee help to ensure that
7	accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent
8	manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and
9	WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and
10	administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight
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14	and
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16	employment and administration committee reappointed Stanley Tsao to the citizens'
17	elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2027;
18	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

19	The reappointment of Stanley Tsao to the citizens' elections oversight committee		
20	as a representative of the Chinese-speaking community, for a three-year term to expire on		
21	July 31, 2027, is confirmed.		
		KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
	ATTEST:	Dave Upthegrove, Chair	
	Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council		
	Attachments: None		



**Proposed No.** 2024-0171.1

# **Signature Report**

## Motion

Sponsors von Reichbauer

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1	A MOTION confirming the reappointment of Mathew
2	Patrick Thomas to the citizens' elections oversight
3	committee as the representative from the King County
4	Republican Party.
5	WHEREAS, the King County Republican Party has identified Mathew Patrick
6	Thomas to represent the organization on the citizens' election oversight committee, and
7	WHEREAS, King County is committed to conducting open, accurate and fair
8	elections, and
9	WHEREAS, the citizens' elections oversight committee help to ensure that
10	accountability and performance of the department of elections is provided in a transparent
11	manner that is meaningful to King County residents, and
12	WHEREAS, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the employment and
13	administration committee appoints members to the citizens' elections oversight
14	committee, and
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19	employment and administration committee reappointed Mathew Patrick Thomas to the
20	citizens' elections oversight committee, for a three-year term to expire on July 31, 2027;

21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:		
22	The reappointment of Mathew Patrick Thomas to the citizens' elections oversight		
23	committee as the representative from the K	ing County Republican Party, for a three-year	
24	term to expire on July 31, 2027, is confirmed.		
		KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON	
	ATTEST:	Dave Upthegrove, Chair	
	Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council		
	Attachments: None		



# **Signature Report**

	Proposed No. 2024-0148.1 Sponsors Upthegrove		
1	A MOTION confirming the appointment of		
2	to the citizens' elections oversight committee as a		
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13	elections oversight committee are subject to confirmation by the full council by motion,		
14	and		
15	WHEREAS, on June 4, 2024, in accordance with K.C.C. 2.53.021, the		
16	employment and administration committee appointed to the citizens'		
17	elections oversight committee to fill the vacant position for a representative of the		
18	disability community for the remainder of that position's three-year term, to expire on		
19	July 31, 2025, and to a new three-year term, to expire on July 31, 2028;		
20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:		

21	The appointment of	to the citizens' elections oversight
22	committee elections oversight committee as	s a representative of the disability community
23	for the remainder of that position's three-year	ar term, to expire on July 31, 2025, and to a
24	new three-year term, to expire on July 31, 2	028, is confirmed.
		KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
	ATTEST:	Dave Upthegrove, Chair
	Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council	
	Attachments: None	